

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims - This will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising: a body; a keyboard upon said body including at least one key having at least two different functions associated with the key, a first function if the key is activated with a terminating hand member of the right hand and a second different function if the key is activated with a terminating hand member of the left hand; and a detection mechanism to determine which of whether a user's terminating hand members, used to operate said keyboard, is being utilized to activate thea key with two associated functions on said keyboard at an instance in timeis located on the user's right hand or left hand, said detection mechanism being equipped to monitor movement of at least a portion of at least one of thea user's two hands.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said detection mechanism comprises a camera.

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said detection mechanism further comprises logic to temporally analyze a plurality of images from said camera, said images including positions of said user's terminating hand member.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said camera is integrated with said body.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said detection mechanism includes at least one terminating hand member sensor.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said terminating hand member sensor is equipped to detect when a corresponding terminating hand member is in a non-use position.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said detection mechanism comprises at least one pressure sensor.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one pressure sensor comprises a sensor to detect pressure on a side of said body, said side corresponding to said determined terminating hand member.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said detection mechanism comprises at least one motion detector.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said motion detector is to detect motions associated with a key activation.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a selected one of a wireless mobile phone and a personal digital assistant.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising: a body; a keyboard upon said body including at least one key having at least two different functions associated with the key, a first function if the key is activated by a terminating hand member of a user's right hand, and a second different function if the key is activated by a terminating hand member of a user's left hand; and a camera to monitor movement of a user's terminating hand members with respect to said keyboard, said monitoring of movement to provide an indicia of ~~which of said whether a~~ user's terminating hand members is being used to activate thea key of said keyboard with at least two associated functions is located on the user's left hand or right hand.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said monitoring of movement comprises temporally analyzing a plurality of images from said camera, said images including positions of said user's terminating hand members.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising: a body; a keyboard upon said body including at least one key having at least two different functions associated with the key, a first function if the key is activated by a terminating hand member of a user's right hand, and a second different function if the key is activated by a terminating hand member of a user's left hand; and at least one pressure sensor to monitor movement of a user's terminating hand members with respect to said keyboard, said monitoring of movement to provide an indicia of which-of-whether said-user's-a terminating hand members-is-being-of said user used to activate thea key of-said-keyboard with at least two different associated functions is located on the user's right hand or left hand.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said at least one pressure sensor comprises a sensor to detect pressure on a side of said body.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said side corresponds to said determined terminating hand member.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising: a body; a keyboard upon said body including at least one key having at least two different functions associated with the key, a first function if the key is activated by a terminating hand member of a user's right hand, and a second different function if the key is activated by a terminating hand member of a user's left hand; and a motion sensor to monitor movement onef said

body, said monitoring of movement to provide an indicia of ~~which of said~~whether a
user's terminating hand members ~~is being used~~ to activate a key of said keyboard is
located on the user's right hand or left hand.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein said motion sensor is a
MicroElectroMechanical Systems (MEMS) device.

19. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device comprising a keyboard and having a
plurality of input keys, at least one key having associated with it at least two character
values, a first character value if the key is activated by a terminating hand member of a
user's right hand, and a second different character value if the key is activated by a
terminating hand member of a user's left hand, a method comprising: determining ~~which~~
~~if whether~~ a plurality of terminating hand members ~~is being of the user~~ used to activate
~~the~~ a key with at least two character values is located on the user's right hand or left
hand; and assigning said first or second character value to an activation of said key,
based at least in part upon said determination.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising: assigning a second
character value to said activation of said key, wherein said activation occurs after delay
time from said determining.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein said determining comprises monitoring movement of at least a portion of at least one of a user's two hands.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein said determining comprises temporally analyzing a plurality of images, said images including positions of said user's terminating hand members.